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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed in the instant application on October 25, 2000, Applicants hereby call the following documents, which were cited in a Japanese Notice of Reason for Rejection dated December 10, 2002 for corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 11-352035, to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. 11-239226, published on August 31, 1999, together with an English language Abstract of the same; and

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. 11-261977, published on September 24, 1999, together with an English language Abstract and a partial English language translation of paragraph [0043].

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The relevance and pertinent portions of these documents are as noted on the attached

copy of the Japanese Notice of Reason for Rejection (together with an English language

translation of the same).

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and cite the above patent

documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a

PTO-1449 form which is also attached. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the

appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 form and to return a copy of the form to the

Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm

consideration of these documents.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant

application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at

the below-listed number.

Respectfully submitted, Masao AKIMOTO et al.

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